



THE BHS BULLETIN - No. 1

Week B—w/c Monday 21 September 2020

Dear Parents and Families

Firstly, thank you again for your support. These are the most challenging times schools have faced and we get through them only by working together. With respect to that idea of working together, I need your support to reinforce some key messages to our student body.

COVID 19 Safety

Risk assessment

Our risk assessment is kept under weekly review and any incidents, no matter how small, are reviewed daily by myself and senior colleagues. An updated version is available from the COVID 19 section on our website.

Rule of Six

Monday 14th September, saw the government introduce the new Rule of 6. In the interests of reducing risk of transmission, please ensure you are aware of the new restrictions when considering your son or daughter's activities outside school.

Important message about staying safe and keeping others safe

All young people are expected back in school but it is imperative that if your child has, or is showing symptoms of COVID-19, or has someone in their household who is, they must not attend school and should remain at home in line with guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste.

Please follow the updated guidance from the NHS on these matters. The following link takes you to a useful article about COVID-19 systems <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54145299>

Preparations for the 4 tiers

We are already finalising the planning for the government's 4 tier approach to schools and COVID 19.

Tier 1: All pupils attend as normal. (This is stage we are in now).

Tier 2: Secondary schools and colleges move to rotas, with students alternating a fortnight attending and a fortnight at home. Primary schools remain open to all.

Tier 3: Most secondary pupils learn from home as secondary schools are only open to vulnerable children, the children of key workers and selected year groups.

Tier 4: All schools switch to remote learning, except for vulnerable children and the children of key workers.

At the time of writing, senior colleagues are busy finalising our contingency plan for remote learning in the event of students having to isolate or the school is moved through the different tiers. I hope to shortly communicate to you the further details of our plans.



Temporary Adjustments.

Since there was a return to school in September we have had to make temporary alterations to our school operations. We will continue to do this in order to improve our provision. In the meantime, I would like to update you on a number of recent adjustments.

From Monday 21st September we will be moving back to our COVID published finishing time of 2.55pm. All students we begin to be dismissed from that time so there will still be some staggering of students leaving the site.

I have been impressed by the way students have embraced the wearing of face masks around school. Please note that on Monday students will be able to purchase a washable, breathable, plain black face mask from Reception. These are charged at £2 each and paid through the SCOPAY system if students do not have the cash on them. Those students who genuinely forget their masks on the day will still be able to collect a disposable one.

There has also been some confusion amongst parents and students about the setting of Homework. Can I remind parents that we are operating a 'light touch' homework policy for Years 7 to 9. Years 10 and 11 will have homework set normally. This was communicated in the detailed year group guidance I sent out at the end of August. It does not mean a no homework policy for Years 7 to 9 groups but a 'little and often approach' which will facilitate students getting back into the routines of school. As we approach the October half term there will be a full return to the setting of Homework in all years.

Finally, thank you to all my staff, both teaching and support staff, who are working hard in their respective roles to keep the school a safe place to educate your sons and daughters. Afterall, that is what a school is for, to educate young people so they can take their place in society and contribute meaningfully.

Assemblies W/c 21 September 2020 - all delivered in core rooms	
European Day of Languages (26/9/20) — MFL	
Monday 21 September	Year 7 Assembly
Tuesday 22 September	Year 8 Assembly
Wednesday 23 September 2020	Year 9 Assembly
Thursday 24 September 2020	Year 10 Assembly - NO EARLY CLOSE
Friday 25 September 2020	Year 11 Assembly

Mr P Williams



Heads of Year

Due to staff absences, we have some temporary changes to pastoral support. If you or your child wishes to speak with their Head of Year please see the details below.

Y7	Mrs Stevens	sstevens@bramhallhigh.stockporthigh.sch.uk	KS3 Hub
Y8	Mrs Conduit	aconduit@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk	KS3 Hub
Y9	Ms Kennedy	jkennedy@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk	KS4 Hub
Y10	Ms Kennedy	as above	KS4 Hub
Y11	Ms Magee	smagee@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk	KS4 Hub

Attendance:

As we welcome all students back to school after such a long absence, good attendance and punctuality are essential. Please ensure your child arrives on time and properly equipped (this includes a face covering) each day.

Please try to avoid medical appointments during school hours; lost learning hours puts children behind their peers and can result in significant gaps in knowledge. We already lost valuable time, so your support in this is appreciated.

Please continue to communicate any **necessary** absence via the absence line: **0161 925 6330**.

Mrs Williams, Attendance Officer

Safeguarding

Self-harm and Suicide (Papyrus)

PAPYRUS is a national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. PAPYRUS was founded in 1997 by a mother, Jean Kerr, from Lancashire following the loss of her son to suicide.

The organisation has recently published a guide for parents created by those who have experience of supporting a young person struggling with their mental health. Download: <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Supporting-Your-Child-A-Guide-for-Parents.pdf>

HOPELINEUK Helpline

The HOPELINK helpline is available to anyone under 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide, and anyone who may be concerned about them. Papyrus' trained suicide prevention advisers are trained to help young people focus on staying safe from suicide. Their training enables them to provide advice and support to help forward and stay alive.



Safeguarding: Don't be fooled by offers of 'free' cash!

School children with bank accounts are being targeted by criminals to help them launder money. The money, gathered by drug dealing and other crimes, is given to a young person to put into their bank account and transfer it into another account, keeping a proportion themselves.

Research shows 6 in 10 young people regularly worry about money, making them easy targets for so called 'herders'.

Social media ads, and even reputable job sites, are used to recruit the youngsters (known as 'money mules') with promises of 'easy money' working 'from home'.

Whilst this is a nationwide issues, **Greater Manchester has the highest number of recorded incidents.**

The ramifications for youngsters caught up in this are very serious:

- Children are being PROSECUTED
- Bank accounts are closed PERMANENTLY (no account for your student finance or first job salary, etc.)
Credit rating is affected FOR LIFE (no loans, no mortgage etc.)

Top Tips from Action Fraud:

- 1. Keep control.** Advise your child not to give away any of their bank account details, unless they know and trust the person receiving them – and never let anyone else access their account or pin number.
- 2. Money for nothing?** Be cautious of unsolicited offers of easy money as this is a common tactic used by criminals to recruit money mules.
- 3. Tell someone you trust.** Encourage your child to tell someone they trust – a parent, teacher or friend - if they're worried.
- 4. Take time to think.** Remember that letting someone else use your bank account is a potentially serious crime which could damage your financial future – is it worth it?
- 5. Too good to be true?** Remember the simple rule of thumb about offers of easy money: if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

Explainer Video: <https://moneymules.co.uk/what-is-a-money-mule.html>

Miss Janet Kennedy

SLT Lead for Safeguarding, Pastoral Care & Attendance



IT Information

Remote access to School systems & Parent/Carer access to Insight for new Year 7 Students

We have had a few queries relating to Parental access to Insight, our Parental engagement platform. Our Data team is currently working through some final data checks and once complete we will be able to release access to Insight. Students can already access the platform via the Student area of the school website www.bhsweb.co.uk, then login using their school logon (not full email address for this) and school password.

We hope to be able to get more information out to Parents/Carers on how to access this by end of next week.

Please see the details below on how to access the various school systems remotely (Satchel One, Foldr and Email) as well as how to install a copy of Microsoft Office for use at home. Please note that before new students will be able to access any school systems remotely, they will have to sign into a PC in school for the first time where they will be prompted to change their initial password.

How to access key school IT services from home

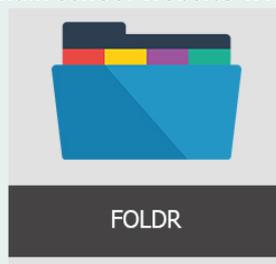
Where we use the phrase "full school email address" this is your username e.g. 16srose followed by @bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk. So in this case our full school email address would be 16srose@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk.

Where we use the phrase "normal school password" this is the password that you use to sign into the PC's in school.

Foldr

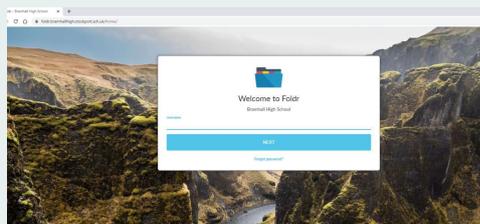
Foldr gives staff and students remote access to their Home Drive (H:\) as well as a shared "Classroom" drive which can be used to share files.

To access Foldr from home, go to the main school website www.bhsweb.co.uk and select "Students" and click on the tile labelled "FOLDER".



Alternatively, browse straight to <https://foldr.bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk>

You will be directed to a login screen



To login, enter your full school email address and then your normal school password (that you use to login to a PC in school).



There is also an app available for foldr in the Windows Store, Apple Store and on Google Play. This can be downloaded separately. To configure, follow the step by step instructions once you have downloaded the app, where prompted use the URL shown above, then login using your full school email address and normal school password.

Please note, if the school internet connection goes down for any reason, FOLDER will not be available outside of school

Microsoft Office

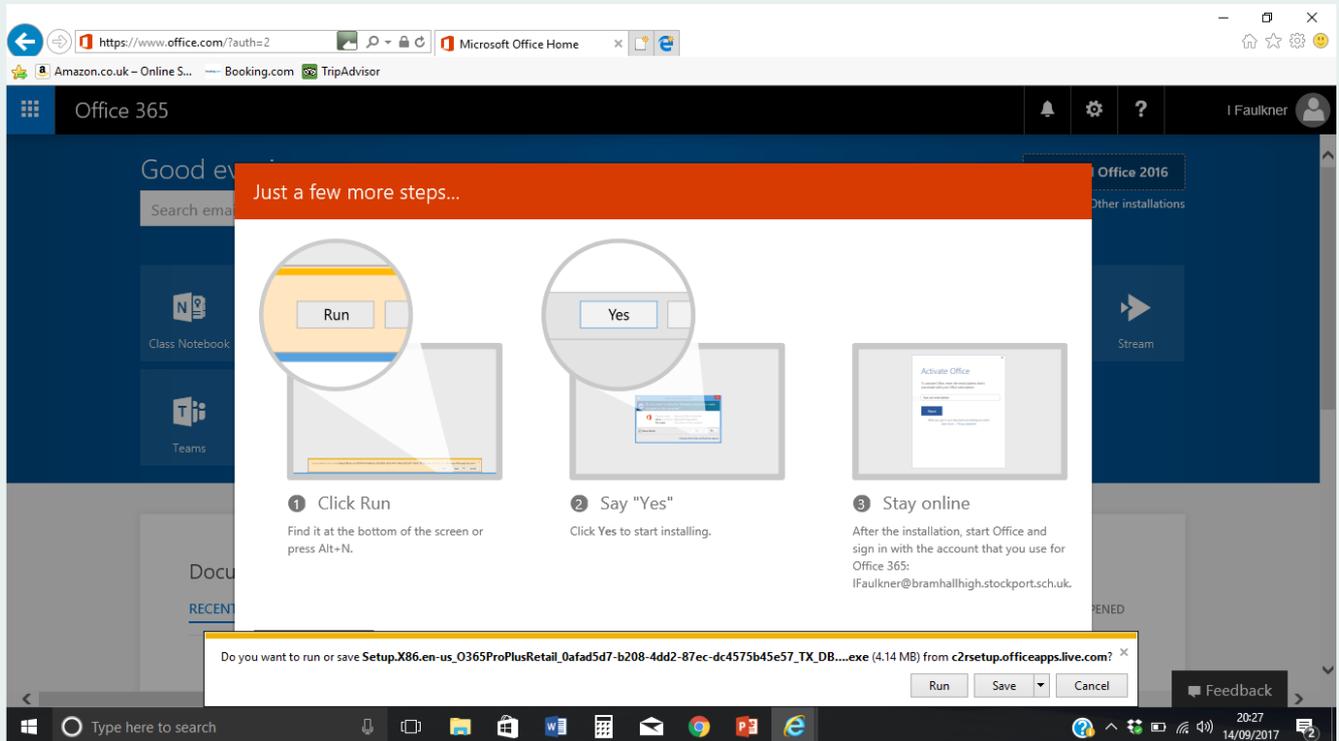
You can use the full version of Microsoft Office from home. This can be downloaded and installed from www.office.com.

Click "sign in" and then where prompted, enter your full school email address and normal school password (the password you use to access a PC in school). Once you have successfully logged in, select the "Install Office" button (towards the top right hand corner of the screen).

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Office 365 home page. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL <https://www.office.com/?auth=2>. The page header includes the text "Office 365" and a user profile for "I Faulkner". A navigation bar contains a search bar with the text "Good evening" and a button for "Install Office 2016". Below this is a grid of application tiles: Class Notebook, Mail, Calendar, Planner, People, Tasks, Yammer, PowerApps, Flow, Stream, Teams, and Dynamics 365. The "Documents" section is visible, showing a list of documents with tabs for "RECENT", "PINNED", and "SHARED WITH ME". A document titled "Summer 2017" is listed, with the path "bramhallhighschool-my.sharepoint.com » ... » Documents" and a timestamp of "3 months ago". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, taskbar icons for various applications, and the system tray with the date "14/09/2017" and time "20:23".



When prompted, select the button labelled "Run"



Microsoft Office will now download and install onto your Windows device.

Once the installation has completed, open any of the Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint etc) and when prompted re-enter your full school email address and normal school password. This will license Microsoft Office to your device. This can be installed on up to 5 devices per member of staff/student.

It is also possible to download and install Microsoft Office onto other types of device other than a Windows based PC/ Laptop. To download, open up your app store on your device and search for the office application you wish to install (Word, Excel, Powerpoint etc) and download. To license the app, open it from your device and again where prompted enter your full school email address and normal school password.

Show My Homework

To access Show My Homework from home, go to the main school website www.bhsweb.co.uk and select "Students" and click on the tile labelled "Show My homework".



Every Student

Every Subject

Every Grade

Every Hope

Every Dream

Every Aspiration

Bramhall High School



Alternatively, browse straight to www.satchelone.com You will be redirected to the SMHW login screen.

Click on the button labelled "Sign in with Office 365" and when prompted for a username enter your full school email address and then your normal school password.

To download the Show My Homework App, go to your App store and search for "Show My Homework" once downloaded search for Bramhall High school, you then need to click the button labelled "Sign in with Office 365", when prompted for a username enter your full school email address and your normal school password.

If you do have any issues with accessing any of our school systems, please contact us on ITSupport@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk.

Iain Faulkner
Network Manager

Update for Trips

Following the cancellation of most of our trips, a considerable amount of work has gone into chasing refunds and insurance claims over the summer. Refunds have already been issued to families for London, Paris, Battlefields and Switzerland. We are expecting the final refund for Berlin on 30th September. We are continuing to chase a payment date for New York. Refunds will be sent as soon as funds are received. Thank you for your patience. If you have any further queries, please email: trips@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk

Refectory Accounts

Thank you to all the parents who have made payments online via SCOPAY. To limit the amount of cash and cheques coming into school we request that all payments are made online unless absolutely necessary. If you are unable to log into SCOPAY (<https://www.scopay.com/bramhall>) or have any queries, please contact the finance office (finance@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk).

Many thanks

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